

# CIA Plot Smashed, Castro

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## Regime Says

Security officials claimed today they captured the leader of a band of heavily armed, U. S.-trained saboteurs who landed in Cuba the weekend before President Kennedy clamped his arms embargo on the island.

An attempt to sabotage the big copper mines of Matahambre was smashed, the official report said, even though the invaders succeeded in planting charges that were discovered before they went off.

Miguel Angel Orozco Crespo, who reportedly once served as an army lieutenant under dictator Fulgencio Batista, was indentified as leader of the band. He was described as "principal chief of the (U. S.) Central Intelligence Agency."

Orozco Crespo and a companion named Pedro Vera Ortiz were seized at a farm in a hilly region near Vinales Nov. 2—just 13 days after they landed, the report said.

The Cuban account said Orozco Crespo led a "special mission" ashore in two squads—each made up of 10 men—near Matahambre on Cuba's western tip.

### Weapons and Explosives

They landed Oct. 19-20 using a rubber raft equipped with a muffled motor, carrying a half-ton of weapons, explosives, radio transmitters and food for two weeks.

The official report mentioned only Orozco Crespo and Vera Ortiz arrested in the delayed announcement of crushing the band.

It said the plan was for the men to be picked up by a U.S. Navy vessel after completion of the mission. What the group may have achieved between the time of landing and the date of the arrests was not specified.

The government report said Orozco Crespo, shown in newspaper pictures as a small mustachioed man, had carried out "some 25 missions to our territory, some of them

unsuccessful." No details of these other sorties were revealed.

### Gives Names of 40

Havana newspapers said Orozco Crespo gave investigators the names of 40 members of his organizations, and made these declarations:

- The CIA is readying a force of Cuban exiles for a fake invasion of Nicaragua in connivance with President Luis Somoza to provide an excuse for foreign invasion of Cuba by accusing the Castro regime of aggression.

- Twenty "operators" are collecting military data for the United States inside Cuba with the aid of "small information nets."

- An unnamed embassy in Havana is lending its diplomatic pouch to the United States Intelligence Agency for transporting communications equipment to be used by agents in Cuba.

- His organization has been quarters "in state of Miami with equipment ranging from 75 millimeter cannon to

pistols." The headquarters is a "green house" south of Miami on Highway 1 near "Monkey Jungle." He said a man named Bob Wall was coordinating the Miami actions.

- Before making sorties into Cuba agents are taken to Summerland Key, where they are isolated until sailing time.

- The plans call for occupa-

tion of a small key near the Cuban shore to be used to establish a beachhead for sabotage operations and eventually to install a government in exile there.

(In Washington, a spokesman for the Central Intelligence Agency refused to comment. He said this refusal was in accordance with agency policy.)

Havana newspapers gave a splash front-page play to the story—released at a time when Premier Fidel Castro is demanding rigid guarantees against invasion and infiltration from the United States. These were among the "five points" laid down by Castro, which included a demand for the U.S. to give up the Guantanamo Naval Base.

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